

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application claims 10 and 11, of which claim 10 is independent. Claims 7-9 have been without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter. In addition, claims 12-39, which had been withdrawn from consideration, were also cancelled.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claim 10 recites patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As the Examiner will appreciate, claim 10 has been rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, claim 10 is now in condition for allowance.

Dependent claim 11 depends from claim 10 and is therefore patentable over the art for reasons noted above with respect to claim 10. In addition, claim 11 recites further features of the invention still further distinguishing it over the art. Favorable and independent consideration thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application has been placed in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

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